

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council of St Fergus, Forfar and St Anthony's, Kirriemuir.

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24th January 2023 in St Fergus Church Hall.

- 1. Father Dijo and Deacon Bert Miller presided.
Deacon Bert opened the meeting with a prayer.**

Welcome and Attendance

Present: Fr Dijo, Deacon Bert Miller, Bill Flight, Michael Visocchi, Maureen Jackson, Anne Cormie, Frances Hampton, Helen Flight, Geoff Bray, Philip Jackson, Margaret McCauley, Kaye Cattanach, Mike Devine, Karolina Green, Monika Szymaszek, Anne Pender

- 2. Apologies:**

Martin Korabiowski-Smith, Derek McInally, Anne-Marie Bray

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 21st November 2022.**

The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- 5. Eucharistic Ministry**

In the first instance, contact will be made to previous Eucharistic Ministers in Forfar and Kirriemuir to ascertain whether they wish to resume their roles. After which a list is to be available in both churches for parishioners who wish to become Eucharistic Ministers. The role is seen as a contact between church, Eucharistic Ministers and sick / housebound parishioners. Training will be provided. It is no longer necessary to have Eucharistic Ministers to serve during Mass.

- 6. Coming Events**

a) World Day of Prayer at St Fergus on 3rd March 2023.

Unfortunately, nobody is available to participate at this event.

b) St Anthony's feast day 13th June 2023

This will be celebrated with an evening Mass at 7.00pm in Kirriemuir.

c) Confirmation and First Communion 7th May 2023

The Bishop or Bishop Emeritus will be invited to Confirm one parishioner and to officiate at the First Communion for five others. The vigil mass will take place on Saturday 6th May at 6.00pm in Kirriemuir and one Mass will take place at 11.15am in Forfar on 7th May 2023 for all parishioners. Children and their teachers are to take part in readings, bidding prayers and offertory. Refreshments will be made available in St Fergus Hall after Mass.

d) 60th Anniversary of St Fergus Church 19th September 2023

It is hoped to have an event to mark this occasion. There will be a Mass conducted by Canon Kevin Golden to which past parish priests will be invited.

7. Use of hall by Gallowshade Community Council and others.

Gallowshade Community Council are keen to use hall as often as they can. It is proposed that representatives from Gallowshade Community Council are invited to our next Parish Pastoral Council meeting to share ideas on the use of the hall. A diary for dates for use of the hall is to be made available.

8. Funding request re signage and upgrading facilities at St Fergus Church Hall

Derek McNally has approached Councillor Lynne Devine regarding funding for this project.

9. Building Fund

The monthly collections for the Building Fund are to be restarted. Projects to upgrade St Fergus are being looked at with a view to obtaining net zero omissions. Fund raising events were discussed to help with this and to address issues relating to heating, insulation and upgrading of church.

10. Parish Bulletin

The parish bulletin is to be restructured into A4 version.

11. AOCB

Holy Water, on entering the church, is to be reintroduced. The hand sanitiser dispenser is to be moved the side of the Holy Water vessel. A sign will be placed here to instruct parishioners to sanitize their hands before using the Holy Water. A notice will be placed in the newsletter to this effect.

Father Dijo and Kaye Cattnach are to meet and discuss Parish Safeguarding.

A notice is to be placed in the newsletter asking parents to make sure that the toys borrowed from the back of the church are returned after Mass.

Communication between parish priest and parishioners to be made clearer, to avoid misunderstandings.

Monika Szymaszek tendered her resignation as Catechism Teacher effective after First Communions. A notice is to be placed in newsletter advertising vacancy for the post.

A notice will be placed in the newsletter asking for volunteers to clean the church for Easter.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7.00pm in St Anthony's Church Hall, Kirriemuir

Closing Prayer

Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.45pm with prayer.